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Man Convicted of Murder, Rape and Other Crimes

A jury today found a Los Angeles man guilty of killing a teenage girl and sexually assaulting another, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Cops said the jury deliberated for three days before finding Damond Williams, 36, guilty of one count each of first-degree murder, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, forcible rape, sodomy by use of force and forcible oral copulation.

Williams is scheduled to be sentenced on April 23 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton before Judge Kelvin D. Filer. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 50 years to life in state prison.

The prosecutor said on Sept. 17, 2012, a 17-year-old girl's body was found dumped and set on fire in the 9300 block of Grand Avenue in Los Angeles. It was determined that the teen was killed by strangulation, she added.

DNA found on the victim's body linked Williams to her death, Cops said. Also, a witness testified in court that they had seen a black Ford Bronco near the body dumping area. Williams owned the same type of vehicle.

Additionally, on June 23, 2007, Williams sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman. The prosecutor said Williams stomped, raped, and sodomized her during the incident.

The victim cried for help and was able to get away, Cops added. Williams ran away from the scene, but was apprehended by police. Blood and DNA evidence linked him to the crime.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.